sends a consolidated bill for large amounts for a period ranging from 9 to 12 months are disconnected and the subscribers are informed that they cannot be allowed to make the payment in instalments;

(b) why the subscribers are not allowed to make the payment of their bills in instalments when it is the fault of the telephone department which does not send the bills in time;

(c) whether it is also a fact that on further representations, the subscribers are allowed to make the payment in instalments; and

(d) what relief is given to the subscribers in the rent of telephone for the period telephones remained disconnected for no fault of the subscribers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL): (a) Generally instalments in such cases are allowed. However in one case telephone was so disconnected.

(b) All such requests are normally acceded to as per instructions on the subject. In this case, however, since the amount billed for was not so high in relation to the status of the subscriber the request of the subscriber was not immediately acceded to.

(c) In this particular case, the subscriber represented his case for grant of instalments to the General Manager, who acceded to his request for making payment of the bill in instalments;

(d) There is no provision in the rules to allow any relief in rental charges in these cases.

Rotation of reserved seats in Parliament and State Legislative Assemblies

1372. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations on the need to rotate continuously reserved seats in Parliament and State Legislative Assemblies; and

(b) if so, what action is contemplated by Government on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGANNATH KAUSHAL): (a) and (b) Some representations on the need to rotate continuously reserved seats in Parliament and State Legislative Assemblies have been received. Government considers that action in this behalf has to await the amendment of the Constitution to provide for fresh delimitation of constituencies on the basis of the latest census and the establishment thereafter of a new Delimitation Commission for the purpose.

Occupation of Rooms in the Golden Temple by BBC Correspondents before Army Action

1373. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to some of the newspaper reports to the effect that before Army Action in Golden Temple Complex at Amritsar BBC Correspondents/Representatives had occupied some rooms in the complex;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House in due course.